

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1 and 9-12 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information providing apparatus that provides information to a terminal of a user through a network, comprising:

a storage unit storing environmental conditions that are predetermined conditions for an event relating to information provided by a predetermined information provider, the environmental conditions being applicable to a plurality of users; independent of any particular user;

a control unit acquiring user conditions from the terminal of the user through the network, the user conditions being input by the user and relating to and being specific to the user; and

a structuring unit structuring, in conformity with the environmental conditions, detailed information related to the event including customizing values of the information with respect to the user in accordance with the user conditions;

wherein the control unit distributes the detailed information to the terminal.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the storing unit stores the user conditions, wherein

after the user conditions are stored in the storing unit, the control unit extracts, in conformity with another request for the detailed information from the user, part corresponding to the user conditions stored in the storage unit, of other user conditions corresponding to the another request for the detailed information, and acquires part not corresponding thereto through an input by the user, and wherein

the extracted part can be changed by the user.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the structuring unit executes at least one program for creating the detailed information.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the structuring unit has a plurality of programs for creating the detailed information, selects one program in response to at least one of the nature of the event, the environmental conditions and the user conditions and executes the selected program.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a predetermined condition among the user conditions is not yet set, the structuring unit temporarily sets at least one set value that the predetermined condition may take and creates the detailed information using the set value.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, with the change of the environmental conditions, the structuring unit re-creates the detailed information about the event based on the changed environmental conditions at a timing designated by the user, and wherein

the communication unit distributes the re-created detailed information to the user.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein information provided by the information provider is a news article or a publicity provided over a network.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the information providing apparatus is linked via a network with a site on the network for providing the news article or the publicity.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing information using a terminal of a user connected with a network, comprising:

applying user set conditions that are specific to the user to predetermined conditions defined by an information provider to customize the information including values thereof, the predetermined conditions being applicable to a plurality of users independent of any particular user and used to determine contents of the information with respect to the user; and

distributing the customized information to the user via the terminal connected with the network.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing data from an information provider to a user, comprising:

customizing the data including values thereof from the information provider responsive to a request from a user to use the data, the data being customized in accordance with conditions specific to the user for making the data specific to the user and conditions applicable to a plurality of users~~independent of any particular user~~ and stored by the information provider for determining contents of the data; and

presenting the customized data to the user.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing information to a user using an information provider, comprising:

determining values forming the information by applying user specific data input by the user based on predetermined conditions of the information, which are applicable to a plurality of users~~independent of any particular user~~, to customize the information and determine content of the information with respect to the user; and

providing the customized information including the determined values of the information to the user via a terminal connected with the information provider.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing customized user information, comprising:

storing environmental conditions for an event related to information provided by an information provider, the environmental conditions being applicable to a plurality of users~~independent of any particular user~~; and

acquiring user attributes from the user and determining the customized user information by executing a predetermined problem-solving process based on the user attributes and the environmental conditions.